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and reach this office not later than Thursday
of each week.
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Miss Emily Bettenhauser, of Ger-
mantown, has kindly contributed to
the Social this week an article which
she recently read before the "Hobby
Class," of which she is a member.
Her subject, "Brain Influence," is one
which at present is a popular theme
for the many interesting articles being
written for our leading daily papers
and periodicals, and one which you
will all, no doubt, appreciate.

Probably you all know that scien-
tists have discovered that it is possi-
ble for one person to communicate
their thoughts to another through the
empty air without using the ordinary
electric currents or any of the me-
chanical devices that have so long been
used for that purpose. In an article,
bearing on that subject, written by
Mark Twain in 1873, though not pub-
lished until recently, he says:

"The telegraph and the telephone
are going to become too slow and
wordy for our needs. We must have
the thought itself shot into our minds
from a distance; then if we need to
put it into words we can do that tedi-
ous work at our leisure. Doubtless
the something that conveys our
thoughts through the air from brain
to brain is a finer or more subtle form
of electricity, and all we need is to
find out how to capture it and how to
force it to do its work, as we have had
to do in the case of the electric cur-
rents. Before the day of telegraphs
neither one of these marvels would
have seemed any easier to achieve
than the other."

But here is the paper of which we
first spoke:

Brain Influence.
Brain influence may be divided into
two parts, hypnotism or mesmerism
and telepathy. Under the former head
may be classed animal magnetism,
clairvoyance and the "willing game,"
all of which are simply the influence
of mind on body. However it is a
disputed point as to whether brain in-

fluence enters at all into the "willing
game."

To explain: An act is decided upon
for the subject to perform, and she is
brought into the room blindfolded.
Two persons hold her wrists, temples or
waist, while all concentrate their
thoughts on what is to be done. The
act may be to sit in a certain chair, or
pick up some article and take it to a
certain place, etc. Now the question
is: Can this be mere "muscle read-
ing"? That is, do the experimenters
unconsciously lead the subject? Dr.
O'Sullivan thinks so; for my part I
think not, because I have seen suc-
cessful experiments of this kind in
which the subject was not held in any
way. Speaking of animal magnetism,
one medical man says: "There is a
nerve energy which radiates from the
eyes, the fingers, and the breath of the
operator and is capable of producing
certain effects. Is not the same fact
daily recorded when we describe a
person's influence on either people or
institutions, using such modes of ex-
pression as "his strong personality,"
"his personal magnetism," etc.

Dr. Hammond has written a book
entitled "Physics and Physiology of
Spiritualism," which proves that there
is something in spiritualism, but this
something is physical or mental,
spirits not being essential or conveni-
ent. The author says: "All our
knowledge of animal electricity tends
to show that it does not differ in any
essential particular from the galvanism
developed outside the body by chemi-
cal action." Experiments have been
tried in which a large magnet was
passed over a number of people who
exhibited curious effects of their sus-
ceptibilities to its influence.

Those who are interested in tele-
pathy will find the subject treated in a
scientific spirit by Francis Podmore
in a book called "Apparitions and
Thought Transference." Mr. Pod-
more understands the term "telepathy"
to mean a communication between
mind and mind otherwise than through
the known channel of the senses, and
his material is principally gathered
from the English Society for Psychical
Research. He believes that telepathy
will hold an important place in the
future history of our race and sug-
gests the question: "Is this faculty as
we know it but the germ of a more
splendid capacity or the last vestige
of a power grown stunted through
disuse?"

Dr. Holmes says that brain action
through space without material sym-
bolism is analogous to electrical induc-
tion. In his delightful book, "Over
the Tea Cups," he gives an illustration
of "cerebricity" as he calls it. One
morning at breakfast he happened to
tell the members of his family the
story of a trial for murder which had
occurred in England some years be-
fore. When he arose from the table
he found a letter awaiting him from a
friend in England, containing an ac-
count of this trial. His friend had
come across a reprint of the account
and had sent it, thinking it would in-
terest Dr. Holmes. The story is ex-
plained by his saying: "The impulse
that led me to tell that story passed
directly from the letter, which came
charged from the cerebral battery of
my correspondent." Some believers
in telepathy, however, would not agree
that the letter itself had anything to
do with the matter.

Mark Twain has written an exceed-
ingly attractive article which he styles
"Mental Telegraphy," and in which he
recounts many personal experiences in
this line. He seems to have been par-
ticularly favored by the "spirits."

Marie Corelli says, "One of the
most important branches of this great
science (electricity) is ignorantly de-
ridged just now by the larger portion
of society. I mean the use of human
electricity; that force which is in each
one of us. One can, without speak-
ing, suggest his thoughts to other
people by his mere presence, even
people who are perfect strangers, and
certain actions in accordance with his
plans." Of course we know that it
exists in varying degrees in different
persons, and that it may be cultivated
in oneself. Several of Marie Corelli's
works are studies in telepathy. But
all of us cannot soar to such heights
of faith in its possibilities as she does.

Many persons believe that instances
of telepathy are very rare, while, re-
ally, they are of common occurrence.
We often say, "a thought struck me,"
"an idea flashed across me," without
realizing the significance of the ex-
pression. It is said that thought
transference most often occurs be-
tween people who are connected by
some sympathetic bond, as in the case
of husband and wife, close friends, or
those whose intercourse is the out-
come of joint aspirations.

E. M. BETTENHAUSER.
German town, Pa.

One of our readers has sent in the
following stanza and wishes to know
the author:

"The stormy March is come at last,
With wind and cloud and changing skies;
I hear the rushing of the blast
That through the snowy valley flies."

CIRCUMSTANCES.

The king of Circumstances was feel-
ing decidedly cheerful. He had just
heard something that pleased him
immensely. He had sent a legion of
Circumstances against a certain man
who had, before that, been certain of
success, and the man, after a desperate
struggle, had capitulated to the legion
by dying abjectly.

So the king of Circumstances
smiled and said to one of the Circum-
stances: "The king desires to be
amused. Let there be games!"

By the time the royal procession
reached the Coliseum everything was
in readiness. The crowd was enormous,
for the fame of the king's exceeding
cheerfulness had spread quickly, and
his subjects knew that there would be
some particularly fascinating games
that day.

"Now, then," began the king, a
little impatiently, as soon as he had
settled himself on the divan in the
royal box, "what comes first?"

It was the custom in the Coliseum
to announce the programme by the
mouth of a Circumstance whom they
called the chairman. Their chairman
had an accent that belonged to the
English music hall, but that also
is merely a circumstance.

"Hi! have to announce, lydies and
gentlemen, that I've been harked by
the well known Champion Circum-
stance to issue a challenge to hany
man wot wishes to meet 'im in a 5
foot ring. Roman rules to prevail.
Thumbs down, hand the whipped man
parsses hout. Thumbs up, hand he
goes free. Walk up, walk up! Does
hany one wish to meet the champion?"

First of all, from a far door, issued
a most beautiful girl, slim, tall and
garbed most delightfully. There were
huge puffs in her sleeves that made
her hands look all the smaller. Her
gown widened a little where it came
close to her feet, and thus it was that
the slenderness of her waist seemed
more symmetrical than symmetry it-
self; her curls were flying into the
breeze a little under her large, be-
flowered hat, her shoes were brown,
and her step was as buoyant as the
spring. She was singing something
so softly that the crowd only caught
the faintest echo of it.

And while she was advancing thus,
singing, another door opened, and
Cupid came forth. No sooner had he
seen her than he took aim and sent
an arrow straight at her heart. As
the shaft wound her, the girl turned
her eyes softly toward the boy and
moaned. She put her hands to her
heart. But the strangest thing was
that she held the arrow fast and made
no effort to pull it forth. So, when
Cupid said that he had wounded her
and that she was glad, he began to run
toward her to kiss her, and she, with
one hand still clasping the arrow so
that it went deeper and deeper into
her heart, waited for him with parted
lips and an invitation in her eyes.

The boy was within a few yards of
her when a third door opened and
there appeared a Circumstance. Im-
mediately a most strange change came
over the girl. Her eyes turned toward
the Circumstance, and a steely look
came into them. She drew herself up
a little, and stern purpose straightened
her mouth.

Cupid, wondering and pained, stop-
ping short. She turned away from him,
and walked toward the Circumstance,
who merely stood quite still, smiling
hideously. As she went, she tore the
arrow of Cupid from her heart and
threw it before her into the sawdust,
so that as she strode forward she step-
ped upon it and broke it into frag-
ments. And while Cupid threw him-
self upon his pretty face, shaking with
sobs, his quiver flung beside him, the
girl kissed the Circumstance.

But the Circumstance only smiled
quite coldly, even while it folded her
in its arm.

For it happened to be a Bank Ac-
count.

The king had begun to be quite
pleased with this number when it hap-
pened that he felt an irresistible desire
to yawn. It was really due to late
hours in the past, but he decided at
once that it must be due to the pres-
ent. So he frowned at the chairman
again.

"Did you see my yawn?" he said
severely. "Did you? When the games
are so stupid that the king has to yawn
himself?"—He did not finish, but the chair-
man felt uneasy because of the things
that the king omitted to say. He
hastened on to the next announce-
ment.

"The title of hour next number is a
'Tableau of To-day,'" he cried, "and
which explains itself."

When everything had been arranged
by a multitude of slaves of Circum-
stance, the scene showed a large office,
with roller top desks and a typewriter
stand. In the foreground was a clerk
who had served his company fifteen
years. He looked it.

At the desk sat the Company. It

was thinking, through the pangs of
headache, of the night before and the
day before that. On the day before it
had run up against a most unlucky lot
of Circumstances. It had a huge
speculation in stocks of the P. P. C.
Railway, and the speculation had gone
very wrong indeed. Then, in order to
recoup itself, the Company had tried
its luck at cards that evening. And
every trial turned out more dis-
astrously than the last. So this morn-
ing the Company saw that it had got
to do something to lessen expenses.

To resign at the club was out of the
question. To give up the box at the
opera would be absurd. When you
have accustomed yourself to an ex-
pensive brand of cigars and wines, it
is really quite impossible to drink or
smoke anything inferior.

There was only one thing to be
done, and the Company was going to
do it.

It called the lovely damsel who was
in the next room. It said to her,
"Take a letter please!"

And while the company was dictat-
ing the letter the clerk, who had
served the company for fifteen years,
was thinking over the queer fate that
had ruled him into this rut where he
only just earned enough to keep him-
self and his family from hunger. And
then again he concluded by congratu-
lating himself on having such good,
steady employment. It was more than
many men had.

He looked up, some one having
touched him on the shoulder. It was
the lovely typewriter damsel, and she
handed him a letter. He read this:

DEAR SIR—Circumstances over
which we have no control necessitate
a reduction of expenses. Your resig-
nation will be accepted on the 1st of
the month.

THE COMPANY.

The clerk looked out of the window
silently. Outside the people were
hurrying along the street ceaselessly.
It was like a huge torrent. He read
the letter again, smiling rather queerly.
Then he opened a small drawer of his
desk and took out a very small tin
box. It smelt of poppies. He poured
the contents into his mouth and threw
his head back, swallowing with a quick
gulp. Then he looked out of the
window again, and waited for a cer-
tain Circumstance.

One of the last things he heard was
the Company saying to the lovely
typewriter damsel, "Wasn't this the
night you were going to take supper
with me?"

There was a great deal of applause
at the conclusion of this tableau. The
king came so near to smiling that the
chairman began to feel safe and reck-
less.

"Hi will now present to you," he
announced pompously, "ha Domestic
Detail, which will be the last hot
attractions for this day." He bowed
very low, and, still bowing at odd mo-
ments, returned to his chair.

The king frowned as he watched
him, but he said nothing, for the play
was beginning.

These two, this young man and his
wife, had only been married a little
over a year, and that year had been as
a dream of perfect happiness. These
twain had been one, in the most com-
plete and delightful way possible. All
their joys and sorrows they had
shared.

But now there happened to them a
Circumstance that wrought a cruel
change in them both. The Circumstance
was a lovely one, and that was the
pity of it. The young husband looked
at the Circumstance and began to feel
a fearful fate toward it, for the reason
that he caught his wife looking at it
with love in her eyes. And there
were moments when she, too, looking
as it, found her husband's eyes fixed
lovingly upon it, and then she hated
it fiercely and blindly. As for the
Circumstance, it kept smiling to it-
self.

Jealously and unreason reigned now
between these two. They grew
nervous, touchy, irritable. Each feared
that the Circumstance was robbing
him or her of the other's love. And
then, again, there came moments when,
driven by pride and vanity, each de-
termined to conquer in the fight and
win the sole title to the Circumstance's
love.

One day a fearful thought came to
them both. Each struggled with the
thought, but it triumphed. Then they
gave way to it. The thought, in each
of them, was that if the Circumstance
were out of the way they might return
to the old days when they loved each
other so dearly.

The Circumstance was lying up
stairs, asleep. Through the half open
door the husband approached on tip-
toe. He went round to the other side
of the couch, and in his hand, which
was shaking a little, was a glass of
water. He had reached the farther
side of the couch and was just pouring
a white powder into the water when
his eyes took on a queer fixed stare.

Through the half open door came
his wife, and in her right hand, was a

glass of water. Her eyes were fixed
upon the face of the Circumstance,
and in the lines of her own face a
battle was raging between Love and
Self Sacrifice and Hate.

The eyes of husband and wife met,
and two glasses of water went crash-
ing to the floor. Quick signs of
shame dyed their faces, and after an
instant of helpless consternation they
came into each other's arms, and for a
long time held each other so, silently.

When the Circumstance awoke, it
heard them speaking all manner of
strange things.

"We will never let it come between
us again," they were saying. "We
will love each other first, and for it we
will have an equal, though a second-
ary affection. But, first of all, we will
love each other."

The Circumstance smiled to itself,
thinking they might have come to
that conclusion long ago without all
this trouble and heartache. It did
not know how near it had come to
never waking from that sleep. And
then, as the full purport of their new
resolution came to it, the Circumstance
blustered with mighty objections. "To
be second in their affection means
nothing more nor less than defeat."

But they merely listened to its rag-
ings and smiled. "Wait," they said,
"presently we will attend to you. Just
now we two have a long fast to atone
for." Then in a delicious whisper,
"Come, dear, let us go for a walk alone
together as we used to in the old
days."

And they went out, leaving the Cir-
cumstance howling with defeat and
wounded vanity.

For the Circumstance was their own
child.

A queer curl came to the king's
mouth, something between a smile and
a sneer. He called the chairman to
him. "You will now receive the re-
ward of justice," he said. "Kindly
step down into the arena." Then he
gave a signal to a Circumstance by
his side, and this Circumstance went
down into the arena with the chairman,
who was white and trembling.

The chairman, in a fearful apprehen-
sion, started to cry out for help. But
the vast audience, in a fashion since
become quite universal, had already
arisen from its seats, and with much
rustling of skirts and fans and crump-
ling of paper and shutting up of opera
glasses and talking and laughing was
proceeding up the huge aisles and out
of the Coliseum. So whatever the
chairman had wished to say was left
unheard.—Percival Pollard in Chap
Book.

THIS PORKER COULD THINK.

HE DEVISED A GREAT SCHEME TO GET
EVEN WITH BEES THAT HAD ONCE
STUNG HIM.

N. G. Harris, who resides on a plan-
tation some thirty miles above New
Orleans, Louisiana, possesses one of
the smartest hogs on record. Mr.
Harris also owns quite a supply of
well-stocked bee hives, and thereby
hangs a tale.

A few days ago this hog, which had
not up to that time given evidence of
any great amount of astuteness, wan-
dered beyond his own bailiwick in
search of other worlds to conquer,
and by chance began to project around
among the bees' private plaisance. As
fate would have it in his investigations
he went a little too far and managed
to overturn one of the hives. Of
course, the bees were out to the tune
of double quick and peppered the poor
hog with hot shot, as it were. His
squeals made the welkin ring with
agony and seemed to issue from a half
section of that ill-starred herd of old
that ran down the steep place into the
sea.

It took the combined efforts of the
bee-tender, lot-minder and the garden-
er to rid the poor beast of his
enemies, and even then he refused to
be comforted till he had soaked him-
self for hours in the mud hole of his
own particular sty. In fact, he lay
around for a week in an apparently
maimed and halt condition, but that
hog was doing a deal of thinking
meanwhile.

Recently he emerged from the
sacred precincts of his wallow, drip-
ping with mud and slush, it is true,
but with a deep laid scheme circulating
through the gray matter of his brain.

For three hours by the clock he stood
out in the sunniest spot in the stable
yard, without twisting his tail or mov-
ing a muscle, till the mud had dried
into a coat of mail a good half inch
thick all over his hide.

Slowly and deliberately, that he
might preserve his armor intact, the
hog made his way through the open
gates to the bee enclosure. Straight
as a die he marched directly to the hive
of his enemies, deliberately over-
turned it with his snout, and stood
still to await developments. As be-
fore, out poured the swarm, till the
hog was black with them, buzzing and
bobbing about to get a foothold on his
muddy hide.

By and by all were settled com-

fortably, no doubt stinging away with
all their might and main, but this time
their name was mud. It was time for
the hog to show his smartness, and
this he did right enough when he made
a bee line for his friendly mud hole,
diving into it, bees and all, and turn-
ing over and over upon them, till not
a single one of the little creatures was
left to tell the tale.—Philadelphia
Times.

DOES NOT UNSEX THEM.

Alice Stone Blackwell, of Boston,
says: "The women who vote for
school committee do not find that it
unsexes them or hinders the perform-
ance of their domestic duties or
alienates their husband's affections or
interferes with the proper bringing up
of their children. Therefore as a rule
they are willing to receive the larger
suffrage. It is the women who serenely
neglect all their present political duties
who publish remonstrances declaring
that they regard suffrage as a
duty

Providence Independent

TERMS—\$1.25 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

Thursday, March 23, 1895.

HOME AND ABROAD.

—Beware of Spring, the fleckle flit,
Whose tracery long has been avowed
And do not do your flannel shirt
Unless you want to do a shroud.
—New York Herald.

—Another third rate blizzard, Tuesday.

—If you are a subscriber to the INDEPENDENT

—And have changed, or expect to change,

—Your post-office address,

—Please notify the scribe by postal or otherwise.

—Some of the mud on the highways is being changed to dust; some of it!

—Neighbor Saylor, proprietor of the marble yard, made a decided improvement when he moved his office and shop some feet further to the rear of his lot.

—Mr. B. F. Steiner, station agent at this place, has recovered from a severe attack of gripe.

—And where are our Oaks correspondent?

—Notice the new advertisement of the Collegeville Carriage Works,

—Also the spring announcement of the Collegeville Greenhouses.

—M. H. Heimer has been appointed postmaster at Limerick, vice F. G. Krause, resigned.

—D. H. Casselberry is on his way east with a car-load of western horses. See adver.

—A pleasant gathering of friends and college students occurred at the home of Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Jones, on School street, Thursday evening.

—Twenty head of horses and cows perished in the burning of the barn of William Janney, Newtown township, Bucks county, last Thursday night.

—“De question am,” will the trolley road be extended from Jeffersonville to Collegeville this year of 1895?

W. C. T. U.

The regular monthly meeting of the Collegeville Union will be held in the church parlour on Wednesday, April 3, at 8 p. m.

To Be United In Matrimony.

Miss Mary Virginia Beaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Beaver, of Trappe, and Mr. Edward G. Brownback, of the same place, will be united in marriage on Wednesday, April 3.

Meeting of School Directors.

The school directors of this (Independent) district met at the office of Col. D. M. Fulmer, Trappe, Monday evening. Orders were granted for the payment of teachers, and other routine business was transacted.

Judge Pennypacker's Address.

Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker, of Philadelphia, will address the Historical Society of Montgomery county in the Court House, Norristown, to-morrow (Friday) evening, March 29, at eight o'clock, on the subject of “Local History.”

Bread and Cake Sale.

The Woman Suffrage Association of Montgomery county will hold a bread and cake sale in their rooms in the Coleman building, 85 E. Main street, Norristown, Saturday afternoon and evening, March 30. Ice cream and cake will be served and there will also be a home-made candy and a fancy table. All friends of the cause are cordially invited to be present.

Uncle Sam's Mail.

P. H. Anders has been appointed postmaster at Bevan vice M. Y. Brooks, resigned, and Matthias Custer at Eagleville, vice J. K. Rahm, resigned.

Postmaster Kneule is endeavoring to secure an additional mail service to Reading and points along the Schuylkill Valley and Perkiomen Railroads. It is hoped Postmaster Kneule's endeavors will not be put forth in vain.

RELIGIOUS.

M. E. church, Evansburg. Sabbath school at 9.30 a. m., every Sabbath. Preaching, 10.45 a. m., and every Sabbath evening at 7.30.

Episcopal service at St. James' Evansburg every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., Sunday school, 2 p. m. Also a service at Roysford at 8.15 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, Rector.

Lenten services at St. Paul's Memorial, near Oaks: Wednesday afternoon at 3.30. Theme: The Beautiful, Matt. v., 1-13. Good Friday, April 12, at 10.30. On Sundays at 10.45 and 3.30. Sunday school, 2.30. All welcome.

Trinity Church: Wednesday evening, at 7.45 o'clock, a Union Missionary meeting, to be addressed by the Rev. W. E. Hoy, a Japanese missionary. Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, meeting of catechetical class. Sunday, at 9 o'clock, a. m., Sunday school; at 10 o'clock, preaching; at 2 o'clock, p. m., the Junior C. E. prayer meeting; Frank H. Hobson, leader; at 6 o'clock, the C. E. prayer meeting; topic, Christ's Yoke; leader, Mr. J. George Kershner; and at 7 o'clock, preaching.

Services next Sunday at 10 a. m., at Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe. The pastor-elect, Rev. I. B. Kurtz, will conduct the service.

\$100 REWARD. \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by J. W. Culbert, Druggist, Collegeville, Pa. 75 cents.

Y. W. C. T. U.

The next regular meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U., of York, will be held at the residence of Mr. D. S. Raudenbush on Monday evening, April 1. All are welcome.

Y. M. C. A. Entertainment.

Tuesday evening, April 2, at 7.45 p. m., an entertainment will be given in Bomberger Memorial Hall under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. of Ursinus College. A small admission fee of 15 cents will be charged. The proceeds will be used to pay a debt resting on the association for sometime. An interesting program will be rendered.

An Extensive Contract.

Guest, Grater & Co., of Norristown, have received the contract for the new work of the new Hotel Metropole. Broad and Locust streets, Philadelphia, to be erected at a cost of \$100,000. They have signed at present for only the mill work on the outside, but expect to receive the contract for the interior, making their contract amount to between \$30,000 and \$35,000.

About Completed.

A correspondent writes: Mr. Daniel Anders of Lower Providence has about completed his new mansion. It is situated on a high bluff in the centre of his farm. The house is built of cut stone and brick, is of modern architectural design, with the interior finished with chestnut, cypress, oak and yellow pine. The building will be heated with steam and contain hot and cold water appliances. The painting was done by W. A. Shearer.

Perkiomen City.

The Perkiomen City Land Company, which is interested in booming a city at Perkiomen, near Oaks, have decided not to secure a charter for the company; but have determined to form a syndicate which will hereafter be known as the Perkiomen City Land Syndicate. It is said the lots are being disposed of rapidly and that Ex-Postmaster General John W. Wamaker is greatly interested in the booming enterprise.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Zwingli Literary Society of Ursinus College, in Memorial Hall, Friday evening, attracted a large audience. The program was one of rather unusual merit and the entertainment afforded was much appreciated. The violin solos by Prof. Schewe, the vocal solos by Mrs. Jones, the piano solo by Miss Miller, and the piano duo by Misses Weinberger and Hunsicker proved acceptable features of the occasion.

A Preacher as Detective.

Adam S. Hartman called at the house of the Rev. N. B. Grubb, pastor of the First Mennonite Church, Philadelphia, Friday, asked for a small loan and represented himself as a member of the Mennonite Church in Germantown. Mr. Grubb noticed that his caller corresponded with the description of a man who had been swindling clergymen, and, after an exciting chase and struggle, handed him over to a policeman. Rev. Grubb was formerly the editor and publisher of the *Schuylkill Times*.

A Serious Accident.

Randall, the five-year-old son of Mr. Isaiah Detwiler, residing near Ironbridge, was the victim of a serious and painful accident, Monday forenoon. His elder brother was engaged in dressing the carcass of a sheep, while Randall was standing near by looking on, when the knife slipped and penetrated the abdomen of the little boy. The extent of the wound was such that a portion of the peritoneum protruded. Dr. E. A. Krusen, of this place, who was hastily summoned, attended to the injury. Tuesday morning the Dr. found Randall's condition favorable and it is hoped no dangerous complications will arise.

Chapel Re-opening.

The Ironbridge chapel, at Rahm's Station, under the direction of the Ladies' Auxiliary Society of that village, has undergone a thorough internal renovation, the walls having been tastefully frescoed in oil. On the evenings of the 30th and 31st insts., there will be appropriate religious services; several neighboring clergymen having promised to be present to deliver addresses on the occasion. The public generally is cordially invited to be present and to participate in the services, and to see what has been accomplished by the commendable zeal of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

A Pleasant Time.

Misses Laura and Debbie Koons gave a party at their home, in Collegeville, Saturday evening last, in honor of their friends, Misses Cora Zuck and Linda Keyler, of Easton, Pa., and Misses Mary T. Lerch and Margaret I. Miller, of Watsonstown, Pa. The evening was spent in a profitable and an enjoyable manner. Music, games and pleasant conversation constituted the evening's program. Miss Miller gave several excellent instrumental solos, and Miss Keyler favored the assembled guests with several choice vocal solos. In all the different features the occasion was a rare treat, and one to be cherished by every participant.

A Sane Inmate of an Insane Asylum.

Legal proceedings were instituted last week for the release of B. H. Buchanan, of Honeybrook, Chester county, an inmate of the Insane Hospital at Norristown for three years, upon the grounds that Buchanan is a sane man and was such at the time of his incarceration through the influence of two physicians and a number of relatives. When he was placed in the Asylum he owned a farm worth \$15,000 and considerable personal property. The Judges are satisfied Buchanan is a sane man and are about to order his release. There seems to have been a grave act of injustice done Mr. Buchanan, and if such be the case, those who conspired against him deserve to be placed in the penitentiary for the remainder of their lives.

Knight of the Macebears.

The State Commander writes as from Lincoln, Neb., as follows: “After trying other medicines for what seemed to be a very obstinate cough in our nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.”

A New School House.

The school directors of this township have decided to reconstruct the Mennonite public school building, near York. The Directors contemplate the expenditure of about \$1500.

Days of Grace Abolished.

The Legislature has passed a bill abolishing days of grace on promissory notes. If a note falls due on Sunday or a holiday, it is due the next business day thereafter.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Spring Garden Market Company will be held on Wednesday morning, April 17th, at 9 o'clock. A semi-annual dividend of two and a half per cent., payable on April 12, has been declared.

Public Sale of Store Goods.

Public sale of store goods by Beaver & Shellenberger, at Trappe, on Saturday afternoon, April 6. Will be sold over 3000 yards of cassimeres, calicoes, gingham, lawns, dress goods, &c. Also hats, caps, boots, shoes and stockings. Don't miss the opportunity. If the weather is inclement, sale will be held on Monday afternoon following.

Taken Possession.

Mr. E. G. Brownback has taken possession of the large general store, at Trappe, as successor to the well-known firm of Beaver & Shellenberger. We wish our young friend success in his undertaking. He invites all to visit his store and learn prices before making their purchases, and promises a reduction of 10 per cent. from former low prices. See adver. later.

Chapel Dedicated.

The Union chapel, at Pawling, near Perkiomen Junction, was dedicated Sunday. Rev. Wm. Courson, of the Lower Providence Baptist Church, officiated and preached the dedicatory sermon. He was assisted by Revs. S. Gracey, of Spring City; C. R. Brodhead, of the Lower Providence Presbyterian Church; George Cavanaugh, of Mont Clare; J. T. Myers, of Green Tree; and Rev. Mr. Hughes, of Phoenixville. The chapel is built of brick.

Burglars at Gulf Mills.

Early Friday morning the residence of John J. Hughes, of Gulf Mills, near Merion township, was entered by burglars and \$300 worth of goods stolen. Before this theft the burglars paid a visit to the carriage store of Arthur McFarland, a short distance from the home of Mr. Hughes. They secured an entrance, notwithstanding the presence of a large dog and a watchman, and cut the curtains from a wagon.

Another Industry for Roysford.

The American Wheel and Tire Company, about to be incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000, will locate at Roysford. The building will be of brick, two stories high and 60x100 feet. The company will manufacture a patent wheel and tire. The officers of the concern are as follows:—Directors, Messrs. Henry Rohrer, C. E. Weise, of Hagerstown, Md.; J. A. Hoffnagle, of Williamsport; D. B. Latshaw, David Springer, A. T. Keeley and C. U. Bean, of Roysford; treasurer, E. L. Markey, Roysford.

Another Big Hotel Deal.

The Rambo House, opposite the Court House, Norristown, where politicians are wont to hobnob on Conventions days, and where many a political slate has been made and smashed, was sold Thursday to Perival K. Gable, of Quakertown for \$60,000. The property belonged to the estate of Christian Beener, and is tenanted by W. B. Barnes, ex-Register of Wills, who will be succeeded by the new proprietor about the first of May. Mr. Gable at one time was landlord of the Hartman House, Norristown.

Resigned.

It is reported on good authority that Rev. Dr. George Stibitz, Professor of Hebrew in Ursinus College and Dr. C. W. R. Crum, Professor of Mathematics and Physics have resigned their respective professorships in that institution. Dr. Stibitz is a graduate of the post graduate course of Yale and Dr. Crum is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University. Their departure will be an evident loss to the institution and greatly regretted by many friends of the School.

DEATHS.

Mary Ann, wife of Richard Pool, died at her residence in Trappe, Wednesday last week, aged 63 years. Death was due to a cancerous affection of the breast. Several years ago Mrs. Pool underwent a surgical operation for a cancer, and it was hoped that a cure had been effected, but after the elapse of some months the malignant disease again made its appearance and gradually gained the mastery, inflicting upon the now deceased one of the most intense sufferings. Mrs. Pool leaves a husband who mourns the absence of a devoted partner and helpmate; one son, Michael Schrack, of near Trappe; and two sisters, Mrs. Robert Patterson and Mrs. Sarah Kulp, of Philadelphia. The funeral was held Tuesday. Interment in the cemetery of St. Luke's Reformed church, Trappe.

Mahlon Koch, for a number of years hostler at Gross' hotel, this place, died in his room at that hotel, Sunday afternoon, aged 47 years. The end was hastened by pneumonia due to a severe cold. The deceased served Mr. Gross first at Perkiomen Bridge and later at the Collegeville hotel. We never heard an unkind word spoken of Mahlon; he was kind, affable and obliging and a very good hostler. Deceased leaves a mother, two sisters, and a brother. The funeral was held yesterday (Wednesday). The remains were taken to E. Greenville by train where interment was made in the cemetery of the new Goshenhoppen church.

Eva, aged 10 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Moore, of Conshohocken, and niece of Mrs. Azariah Haldeman of this place, died of typhoid fever the latter part of last week. The funeral was held yesterday.

Jacob Alderfer, aged about 80 years, died at the residence of his son, John D. Alderfer, in Shipping township, last Saturday morning. Deceased leaves several sons and daughters. The funeral will be held next Saturday at 10 a. m.

Journalistic.

The Souderton Independent will begin volume seventeen with its issue of this week. Under the guidance of Editor Goettler the Independent has come to be recognized as a frank and outspoken publication and as an interesting local newspaper.

The Phoenixville Republican has been increased in size from a six-column to a seven column paper. The Republican is a bright and interesting daily, and the evidence of prosperity it exhibits must be gratifying to publishers and patrons.

URSINUS COLLEGE NOTES.

There will be no vacation intervening the Winter and Spring terms this year, only a few days during the Easter season.

J. M. S. Isenberg, S. T. '96, and Harry Fogleman, '98, recently spent a few days at their homes.

C. D. Lerch, '95, recently had the pleasure of entertaining his sister, Miss Mary T. Lerch from Paradise, and his cousin Miss Margaret I. Miller, of Watsonstown, Pa.

The boys are becoming ambitious now, by aspiring to the positions on the base-ball team, which have not been filled.

The Directors of Ursinus College at a recent meeting, agreed to offer the following inducement: All students entering upon the examination for entrance into the Freshman Class, whether they belong to the Ursinus Academy or not, are entitled to compete for the prize of a four years' scholarship, the winner being the person who succeeds in getting the highest average.

FROM LIMERICK.

Mrs. H. A. Cole spent Monday last week in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson who spent a week with Mrs. C. W. Johnson returned to her home in Parkerford.

John Fry, residing near Limerick, moved to the place formerly occupied by George Cauler.

Mrs. John Yorgey and daughter Alice spent Saturday in Philadelphia.

Miss Mame Hoskins is on the sick list. Dr. Mewhinney of Spring City is the attending physician. La Grippe is again prevalent in this locality. Many are the victims that are succumbing to it.

Master Royal Custer and the children of William Hoffman are suffering with the measles.

Lillian H. Johnson resumed teaching in Spring City on last Monday, after a week's illness with gripe bordering on quinsy.

Notwithstanding the bad condition of the roads, people are moving and hauling goods of all kinds. On Friday last Mr. John Brown of Spring City moved from that place, to New Jersey, passing through this section with all his personal property packed on one wagon. Owing to the disinclination of one horse to pull, to bad roads, and to poor rigging, a “standstill” of three hours was experienced, when a team from near by took them to the place.

The Silver Lake Quartette from Boston rendered some excellent music in Latschaw's Hall on Saturday evening. Mr. Meade delivered a good Temperance lecture. The entertainment was under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

Miss Laura Fritz of Limerick Square, presented to the Evangelical church, recently built at that place—a beautiful Bible and marker, for the pulpit.

The third lecture of the University Extension course, was delivered on Monday evening, on the subject, “Henry W. Longfellow.”

The Y. P. S. L. Society held a meeting on last Thursday evening. The meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, April 4, when the following program will be rendered: Singing; Reading of the minutes by the Secretary; Recitation by David Rittenhouse; Solo, Elma B. Rambo; Recitation, Alice M. Yorgey; Selection, Miss Jessie Royer; Solo, Miss Stella Usner; Dialogue by four characters; Recitation, Howard Johnson; Paper by the Editor; Recitation, H. V. Keyser; Selection, Jessie Royer; Singing; Adjournment.

Unusual Electrical Storm.

READING, Pa., March 25.—About 8 o'clock this morning there was a vivid flash of lightning, followed by a heavy peal of thunder, which shook the earth like an earthquake. The rumbling continued for an unusually long time, shaking buildings in all parts of the city. Rain then commenced to fall, and continued at short intervals for several hours. In some sections dishes were thrown off the breakfast table. One of the panes in the large window in the Prothonotary's Office at the Court House was among those broken. A gentleman residing in the lower section of the city while on his way to his place of business had his umbrella almost shaken from his grasp by the vibrations. It is probable that the intensity of the shock, as well as the erubus like darkness, was due to the fact that the storm clouds were actually resting upon the ground, and when the flash of lightning came the heaviest vibrations occurred directly on the spot. Farmers in the vicinity of Douglassville, Stowe, Monocacy and Exeter report that the shock was very severe in that section of the county. It was reported shortly after noon that some buildings at Alsburtis were struck by lightning, and several persons killed and injured, but this is incorrect. The shaking of buildings throughout the city was so general that many people were of the opinion that it was caused by an earthquake. In several instances persons rushed from their houses in alarm, fearing that a worse shock would follow. Reports from different sections of the county show a similar disturbance. At Bernville the Evangelical church, a brick building, was damaged by lightning to the extent of \$500. The window panes in the Bernville public school building were shattered, and the pupils of the primary department were dismissed. At least three windows were broken in houses in the borough and many in the surrounding country. This occurred half an hour before Reading was visited.

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“A street railway company, as we have seen, does not possess the power of eminent domain. It cannot build under its charter alone. It must have the consent of the municipal or local authority to build, and that authority may refuse to build, or may build on its own terms. It is not a public utility, and it is not a public service. It is a private enterprise, and it is not a public one. It is not a public utility, and it is not a public service. It is a private enterprise, and it is not a public one. It is not a public utility, and it is not a public service. It is a private enterprise, and it is not a public one.

“The decree finally reversed. “In this case the defendant's line of so-called street railway extends through two boroughs, two townships and over one county bridge over the Schuylkill river. The line and circuit of its right of way are clearly defined. The defendant's line is a public utility, and it is a public service. It is not a private enterprise, and it is not a public one. It is not a public utility, and it is not a public service. It is a private enterprise, and it is not a public one. It is not a public utility, and it is not a public service. It is a private enterprise, and it is not a public one.

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Correspondence.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL QUESTION.

PORT PROVIDENCE, Pa., March 23, '95.

ED. MOSER.—I notice with interest and approval the stand you take upon the Normal School question, and agree with you, that those schools are grabs upon the State fund.

The editor of the Phoenixville Republican with whom you have contended in this matter, is a graduate of the West Chester State Normal School, that has been highly favored by Legislative appropriations.

Through the efforts of Representative Talbot, it got a liberal slice from the Legislature of 1893. The same gentleman has his hooks in again this session for another fat one.

The West Chester State Normal School is practically a private corporation, the stock of which is almost if not entirely owned by the thirty people of that town who know a good thing when they saw it.

If it is not self-sustaining, then there is either no virtue in the large attendance of pupils charged well for their tuition and board, or the management is at fault, so that appropriations from the State is so much money presented to a number of favorites in the nature of a donation.

So abundant was the funds of this school last year, that there was a protracted contest for its control in the board of Trustees, the members of which were equally divided in interest in two banks, each of which was eager to have the money on deposit.

If there is any reason why the State should aid the Normal schools, which in my opinion is open to grave doubt, it certainly should not be made when they are self sustaining.

JUNO.

IMPORTANT DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT.

THE RIGHTS OF TROLLEY ROADS DEFINED.

In the Supreme Court Monday Justice Williams handed down an opinion which sets aside the claim of eminent domain made by trolley companies in suburban districts. The case decided was that of the Pennsylvania Schuylkill Valley Railroad Company, appellant, against the Montgomery County Passenger Railroad Company, appellee, from the Common Pleas Court of Montgomery county. Justice Williams decided that the street railway act gave no right of eminent domain to the trolley lines. He incorporated under that act they have no power to construct their road where the taking of property is incident or necessary to it, without the consent of the owner of the property.

Justice Williams reviewed the early history of railway legislation and led up to the general act of 1889, from which he quoted many provisions: “From these provisions,” he said, “it is apparent that the attempt now being made to convert these city conveyances into long lines of transportation connecting widely separated cities and towns by electric railways traveling country roads, was not anticipated or provided for by the Legislature. The failure to confer upon these companies the power of eminent domain would, if it stood alone, be sufficient to justify this conclusion. The land taken for street in cities and towns is not a public use, possession of the municipality, which may use the footway as well as the roadway for any urban street use. The power to take land for a trolley line is not a public use, possession of the lot owners. Nor does the construction of a street passenger railway upon the surface of the street suppose any public use of the property fronting on the street or occupied. But the easement acquired by the public by proceedings under the road laws is an easement for passage only. The owner of the land retains the possession of his land for all other purposes.

TOWNSHIPS HAVE LITTLE POWER. “The consent of township authorities justifies an entry upon the public road so far as the public is concerned, but the supervisors of the township have no right to bind private property or subject it to a servitude for the use of a trolley line or corporation other than the township and the public it represents. The carriage of passengers through the township, on the journey from one city or borough to another, by rail is in no sense a township purpose; and whether these passengers make their journey in cars drawn by a locomotive, or on a trolley road or in those propelled by electricity over tracks laid upon the highways, is immaterial both to taxpayers and to land owners. The route traveled, except as the adoption of one or the other of these modes of transportation may affect the township roads or the private property of citizens. When the supervisors give their consent to the occupation of the township roads by a street railway they give their consent to the use of those roads and those who own the roads, but not as the representatives of the private property owners who own the roads. The trolley companies cannot take the property owners either through the local authorities or by the right of eminent domain, as the law now stands, and it is not easy to see how such a company can protect itself in the use of county roads except by contract with every owner of property along the roads they wish to occupy.

“The trouble is that the supposed needs of the county have been permitted to influence the effort is now being made to adapt street railways to purposes for which they were never intended and for which the existing legislation relating to them was not framed. “Cities and boroughs possess the necessary power over their streets to enable them to authorize their use by a street railway. Townships do not possess municipal powers, and under existing laws their control over the public road is limited.”

PRESENT ROADS MUST STAND.

He then discussed the proper way for authority to be given by township officials and added: “But we know as a matter of current history that street railways have been projected, and actually constructed, and are now in operation, over county roads where no legal consent has been obtained and where no attention has been paid to the rights of the property holders. Such railways cannot now be torn up or enjoined, either by the township officers or at the instance of the land owners. The only remedy is to proceed and the expenditure of large sums of money has been permitted to influence the law to correct at this time what was a mutual mistake, under the influence of which the enterprise would seem to be completed, but it would seem that such a character should not be granted in future until the Legislature has made such provisions for the assessment of damages to property as shall protect the owners from the additional servitude which the construction of electric railways does certainly impose upon all adjoining owners outside of municipal boundaries.

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“The 40 days time for payment of said tax will date from March 25, 1895. Persons sending money by mail must accompany the same with postage in order to receive a receipt therefor. Feb. 18, '95. (14-6.) Treasurer.

An Easter Magazine.

Probably no two words in the English language are more misused and abused than “lady” and “woman,” and there is much wisdom, therefore, in a popular discussion of the proper usage of the words such as is given in the April Ladies' Home Journal, by Margaret Deland, Mrs. Burton Harrison and Sarah O'Connell Jewett. John Kendrick Bange is irresistibly funny in “The Paradise Club,” and Josiah Allen's Wife is pathetically humorous in her new two-part story called “The Earthquake of Eighteen Eighty-Three.” The vigorous pen of Dr. Parkhurst is most evident in his definition of “The True Mission of Women.” This ideal magazine is sold for ten cents a number and one dollar a year by the Curtis Publishing Company, of Philadelphia.

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Department of Agriculture. PURSUIT OF THE IDEAL IN FARMING.

What incentives shall we hold out to the rising generation of farmers to induce them to improve their processes and rise to a higher plane not only in the productiveness of their farms and the acquisition of means, but also in the far more important question of the use of those means, to the end that they may become better men?

This question has often been brought forcibly to my mind in my connection with various farmers' organizations, and I believe that upon its correct answer depends much of the future success of the American farmer. Since the farm is the means of livelihood, that the question of financial gain must be a controlling one cannot be denied; yet I deem it far better that the farmer, starting out in his life's work, while watching the successes of his neighbors and learning thereby a lesson, should yet set none of them as his standard and pattern. Far better, let him set in his own heart an ideal standard. An ideal that he may never fully attain to will yet be a much better and safer guide than the actual practice of any of his neighbors. If he will but learn to love right for its own sake, its pursuit will become an enticing pleasure will more surely end in material gain.

Who that has tried to promote good plowing by explaining to the "boys" of lesser and larger growth that "balks of the plow" must in the end be "mended with the hoe," has not felt the almost utter failure of the plea? For the time of hoeing is, with them, still in the distant future. But cultivate the artistic instinct and commend a good piece of work as an artist does; that is, commend perfection as a thing desirable in itself, and note the change. The workman is no longer indifferent but extracts a keen delight from perfect furrows. In like manner it is simply waste of time to explain to an indifferent stacker the fact that hay is best preserved from the weather by care in building, having the right proportion between breadth and height, and having the right slope, etc., etc. But set before him an egg, nature's model, and stimulate his pride of workmanship to excel in accomplishment. Point out the inherent ugliness of bad stacks, and what an admirable and beautiful thing a good stack is, and, my word for it, you will be surprised to see what an improvement your slovenly stacker is capable of.

To those of my brother farmers who have never risen above farming for money, I say begin now to do your work from higher motives; it is never too late and you will find your reward not only in the bank account, but your labor, which before was menial drudgery, will be raised to the dignity of a profession. This cherishing an ideal, loving and striving after perfection for its own sake, will grow strong with use and will yield the sweetest satisfaction as reward for the patient effort put forth, and at the close of the year the accounts will show a financial success as a further reward.

Carrying these hints into the intellectual life, our young farmer will not be content to read simply what he thinks is necessary in order to raise the usual crops, but will strive to become well informed in all branches pertaining to his business. I remember an intelligent, well-educated gentleman from the city, a broker, who patiently answered the questions of one of my neighboring farmers in reference to matters in the city. But when in return, he began to ask for information about farming, as all city men love to, he was both surprised and delighted to find that his new acquaintance was as intelligent and well-read in all pertaining to that business as he himself was in what pertained to his, and the acquaintance ripened into a long friendship that was profitable to both.—Charles E. Benton in American Agriculturist.

REARING YOUNG TURKEYS. It is best to confine the brood for a week at least after hatching. Should the mother hen then become restless, she may be let out during the middle of the day. As the turkey retires early and dislikes being disturbed after settling down for the night, be sure and coop them with the sun sets. The young turkeys will eat but little the first week. Feed separate from the mother, for she will devour all the food within reach. For downright greediness, an old turkey hen has few equals. Dry bread soaked in sweet milk is one of the best foods for the young, as is curd from fresh buttermilk. A whole flock has been raised on warm curd. A custard made of one egg to a pint of milk, thickened with bread (no sugar), is a good food. When about two months old, feed whole wheat part of the time and mix corn meal with their feed; this should not be fed exclusively. Allow plenty of liberty, as confinement will kill young turkeys. When the mother hen begins tramping wildly from one side of the coop to the other, better let her out unless the weather is unfavorable.

When about the size of partridges and old enough to follow the mother in long rambles, the young will need but little attention, simply a little feed morning and evening. They much prefer bugs, grasshoppers, insects and seeds to a more civilized ration. Do not neglect to bring them home at night and put under shelter until old enough to fly into trees and care for themselves. Turkeys do not always

select wisely the best resting place for the night, hence vermin sometimes attack and annoy them. Teach them to come at the sound of your voice; it will save many a weary tramp in searching woods and fields.

Six weeks' time is sufficient to fatten for market. Feed twice a day all the whole corn they will eat, but do not attempt confinement, as a turkey chafes under restraint and will lose flesh rather than fatten. They will not take more exercise than is necessary to keep in good health.—Mrs. George Smith.

THE ROAD PROBLEM.

The present system of paying highway taxes, figuratively designated as "working them out," is admittedly bad and can be easily remedied, but an attempt to make a change in this direction would undoubtedly meet with opposition, hence I have avoided discussing that subject, preferring to let the several propositions stand alone and be discussed and considered on their respective merits. The subject of good roads has received so much discussion in the public press lately, and there seems to be such a uniform consensus of opinion that something must be done in this direction, little more remains to be done than to devise some general plan which shall not only be feasible, but generally acceptable. Good roads mean a great deal more than mere convenience. They mean more than saving money, which, however, is a matter of no small importance. They mean a more intimate relationship between the city and country people, to the mutual advantage of both. They mean that living in the country for six months in the year shall not be practical isolation.

Poor roads keep the farmer and his family at home at that season of the year when they have the most leisure, when time hangs heavily, when it could and would add to their enjoyment socially, and advantage educationally, if a frequent drive to the town or city, or a visit among the neighbors and friends living at a distance of a few miles, could be taken.

The longing of many young men and women to escape from the farm is largely traceable to the isolation caused by the mud embargoes. Good roads mean better prices for the farmers located a few miles away from the market town, because the present condition of the highways compels the marketing of the products of such farms at the times when the roads are good and the market prices usually lowest. Good roads would permit the average purchaser of farm produce living in towns and cities to buy his stock of such articles at a lower price than at present.

Indeed, it seems to me that no more important topic in a financial and social way has of late engaged the attention of the public. If, then, this subject is of such prime importance, the necessity of moving with great care will be apparent. As indicated above, it seems to me wisest to commence with a system of county roads branching out from the country towns, ultimately to extend from county seat to county seat. The enterprise being of such general public interest to the people of the whole State, uniformity in plan and entire freedom from local influence in the selection of a route or the acceptance of work done being so important to general success of the undertaking, the making of the plans and surveys, and in a measure the general supervision, should be under the direction of a State engineer, whose expenses should be borne by the State at large. Subject to the general supervision of the State engineer, the management of the improvement should be under the control of the county board or other county officials within their respective counties.—C. E. Estabrook.

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